(b) if so, the plan drawn up by HPCL in that regard for Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans;

(c) the new refineries proposed to be set up by HPCL in these two Plan period; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the Eighth and Ninth Plan periods, HPCL has proposed to increase their refining capacity from 10 MMTPA to 13 MMTPA through expansion of Vizag Refinery by 3 MMTPA.

M/s HPCL and Indian Rayon & Industries Limited as co-promoters are currently implcmting a grass-root refinery of 3 MMTPA capacity at Mangalore proposed to be expanded to 6 MMTPA.

A joint Venture Company between HPCL and Oman Oil Company Limited has been registered for setting up of a 6 MMTPA oil refinery at Deogarh, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

NRIs for Oil Drilling in India

2974. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Foreign companies have sought permission from Government for oil drilling in India;

(b) if so, the names and the number of such Foreign Companies and NRIs;

(c) whether they have submitted formal applications;

(d) if so, the steps taken to consider their applications; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM A NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Government of India is, on a regular basis, inviting private companies to bid for exploration for oil and gas in specified blocks in India. So far eight rounds of bidding have been announced. The names of foreign companies and NRIs who submitted bids under 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th rounds are given in the enclosed Statement, *(see below)*

(d) and (e) Under the Fourth Round, a contract has already been signed with a consortium led by Albion International Resources of USA for a block in the Krishna-Godavari offshore basin.

Government of India has further approved award of contracts to foreign oil companies, participating on their own or as part of consortium, as follows:—

l.Pan Energy Resources of USA

2. Pan Pacific Petroleum NL of Australia

3. Coplcx Resources Ltd. of Australia

4. Shell International, Netherlands

5. Vaalco Energy Inc. of USA

The proposals received under Fifth round are under consideration of the Government. The bids received under 6th round have been evaluated and bidders would be called for negotiation shortly. Bids received under 7th round are under evaluation, while the last date for submission of bids for the 8th round is 30.12.1994.

Statement

Details regarding the names of foreign companies and NRIs who submitted bids under 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th rounds

FOURTH ROUND

Foreign Companies:

1. Baker & Taylor Drilling Company, U.S.A.
2. Oil International Ltd., U.S.A.
3. Pan Energy Resources Inc., U.S.A.
4. Coplex Resources Inc. Australia

5. Pan Pacific Petroleum NL, Australia
6. Indus Oil, U.S.A.
7. E. Corp., U.S.A.
8. Oilcx International Inc., U.S.A.
9. Saba Inc.
10. Total-CFP, France
11. Sharna Zoe Ltd. U.S.A.
12. Gas & Oil Management Inc., U.S.A.
13. Discovery International Inc., U.S.A.
14. Albion Intcrnationl Resources Inc., U.S.A.
15. Overseas Exploration Corporation, U.S.A.
16. Shell Exploration, Neitherlands
17. Amoco India Petroleum Company, U.S.A.
18. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, U.S.A.
19. Lucky Goldstar International Corporation, S. Korea
20. Kyong in Energy Company, S. Korea
21. Arco India Inc, U.S.A.
22. Group of NRI's

FIFTH ROUND

Foreign Companies:

1. Rexwood Corporation, U.S.A.
2. Okland Oil Company, U.S.A.
3. Command Petroleum Holding NL, Australia
4. Vaatoo Energy Inc. U.S.A.
5. Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd., Korea

SIXTH ROUND

Foreign Companies:

1. BHP Petroleum, Australia
2. Amoco Petroleum Company, U.S.A.
3. Enron Exploration Company, U.S.A..
4. Command Petroleum, Australia
5. Vaalco Energy, U.S.A.
6. Phoenix Goephysics, Canada
7. Samson International, U.S.A.
8. Rexwood Corporation, U.S.A.
9. Okland Oil Company, U.S.A.

SEVENTH ROUND

Foreign Company

1. Vaalco Energy Inc., U.S.A.
2. Rexwood Corporation, U.S.A.
3. Okland Oil Company, U.S.A.
4. Phoenix Geophysics Ltd., Canada
5. Opseis Geophysical System, U.S.A.

Proposal to set up LPG Bottling Plant at Nawarangpur in Orissa

2975. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which LPG bottling plants are set up;

(b) whether Government propose to set up some LPG bottling plants in Orissa;

(c) if so, whether a LPG bottling plant is proposed to be set up at Nawarangpur in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) LPG bottling plants arc set up on the basis of tcchno-economic feasibility, taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG in the nearby consumption zone.

(b) and (c) There are no such proposals under consideration at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Steps to Increase the Production of Kerosene

2976. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual production of Kerosene in the country at present;

(b) whehter the kerosene produced at present is adequate to meet the requirement in this country;

(c) if not, the steps taken to increase the production;

(d) the alternative steps taken to meet the requirement of kerosene; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As against the consumption of Kerosene of about 8.69